

Birmingham **COMEDY** Festival^{1-10 Oct} 2021



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TAILENDERS
CHRIS RAMSEY
JASON BYRNE
CLINTON BAPTISTE
JIMEOIN
RACHEL FAIRBURN
BUSTER KEATON
DANE BAPTISTE
JENNY ECLAIR
MARK STEEL
MAX FOSH
FREE HALF-DAYER**

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Thu 30 Sep to Sun 3 Oct:
**WHEN YOU FALL DOWN:
THE BUSTER
KEATON STORY**

Through slapstick, songs and soft shoe shuffle, follow the triumphs and trials of silent film star Keaton. As the world whirls around him, his marriage failing and his best friend on trial, he turns to the bottle. With his career in danger, Buster must hit his mark as he films the most dangerous stunt of all.

Old Joint Stock Theatre, 4 Temple Row West, Bham B2 5NY. T: 0121 200 0946. £14.
Weds-Sat 8pm; Sat-Sun 3pm.
www.oldjointstock.co.uk



Fri 1 Oct: **TAILENDERS**

Greg James (BBC Radio 1 Breakfast Show), Jimmy Anderson (England Cricket Legend) and Felix White (The Maccabees) are live, with their award-winning podcast.
Symphony Hall, Broad St, Bham B1 2EA. T: 0121 780 3333. £31-£39.
6pm. bmusic.co.uk **SOLD OUT**

Fri 1 Oct: **LOYISO GOLA:
POP CULTURE**

Fresh off the release of his hour long Netflix Stand-Up Special, Unlearning, Loyiso takes us on a hilarious journey exploring the differing impact of pop culture moments around the world.

The Glee Club, The Arcadian, Bham B5 4TD. T: 0871 472 0400.
£15. 8.15pm. glee.co.uk



Fri 1 Oct:

FRIDAY NIGHT COMEDY

The perfect way to end the working week with four superb stand-up comedians.

The Glee Club, The Arcadian, Bham B5 4TD. T: 0871 472 0400. £18.25, £12.50. 7.45pm. glee.co.uk



Sat 2 Oct:

ERIC RUSHTON: I HAD A DREAM AND YOU WERE ALL IN IT

Ever since he was a little boy, Eric's dreamt of being a

commercially-viable comedian that could effortlessly entertain both you and your extended family. This is his chance to make that dream come true. New show from Leicester Mercury Comedian of the Year 2020.

Kamikaze Club, 1000 Trades, 16 Frederick St, Bham B1 3HE. T: 0121 233 2693. PWYW. 4pm. facebook.com/TheKamikazeClub/

Sat 2 Oct: A SHORT LECTURE ABOUT MARMOSETS

The marmoset is a South American monkey that lacks wisdom teeth and has an unusually variable body temperature. These are just two of

Sat 2 Oct:

JASON BYRNE: AUDIENCE PRECIPITATION

He's back for more comedy chaos! Jason has learnt over the past few years that we all need to



'play' a bit more in our lives. With this in mind, Jason will do what he does best, connecting with the audience in a way no other comic can.

Town Hall, Victoria Square, Bham B3 3DQ. T: 0121 780 3333. £22.50. 8pm. bmusic.co.uk

the seven facts from this tedious but thankfully brief lecture that's definitely not some kind of front for an

alternative comedy variety show hosted by Richard Dadd.

Kamikaze Klub, 1000 Trades, 16 Frederick St, Bham B1 3HE. T: 0121 233 2693. PWYW. 7.30pm. facebook.com/TheKamikazeClub/



Sat 2 Oct: SATURDAY NIGHT COMEDY

Treat yourself to an evening of award-winning comedy! Four

superb stand-up comedians that will keep you laughing until Monday.

**The Glee Club, The Arcadian,
Bham B5 4TD. T: 0871 472 0400.
£22.50, £18.50. 7.30pm.
glee.co.uk**



Sat 2 Oct:

**THE MOON, THE BITCH
AND THE WHOREDROBE**

Three generations of funny women - Tal Davies, Jules O'Brian, and Hannah Weetman - share their wildly different perspectives on modern life through painfully embarrassing stories, angry rants, one-liners, and a song about STIs!

**The Prince of Wales, 118
Alcester Rd, Bham B13 8EE.
T: 0121 449 4198. PWYW. 9pm.
theprincemoseley.co.uk**

Sun 3 Oct: **IMPROV COMEDY
WITH BOX OF FROGS**

The Frogs are back in town! After a year of hibernation, the multi-talented and quick-witted Frog players return once more with



their their high-octane improvised silliness.

**The Glee Club, The Arcadian,
Bham B5 4TD. T: 0871 472 0400.
£7, £5. 3.45pm. glee.co.uk**

Sun 3 Oct:

FIN TAYLOR: SO MY WIFE...

Fin Taylor (Have I Got News for You) makes a triumphant return to the stage with a much anticipated follow up to hit Edinburgh shows When Harrassy Met Sally and Whitey McWhiteface.

**The Glee Club, The Arcadian,
Bham B5 4TD. T: 0871 472 0400.
£15.75, £13.75. 8.15pm.
glee.co.uk**





Sun 3 Oct: **RUSSELL BRAND: 33**

Russell doing stand-up on the strangeness of the last 18 months. What have we learned and not learned? And how do you 'get back to normal' if you've never been normal?

Symphony Hall, Broad St, Bham B1 2EA. T: 0121 780 3333. £33:33. 6pm.
bmusic.co.uk SOLD OUT

Sun 3 Oct: **MAX FOSH: ZOCIAL BUTTERFLY**

YouTube, radio and social superstar (as well as would-be Mayor Of London) Max presents his hilarious and unpredictable debut live show!

The Glee Club, The Arcadian, Bham B5 4TD. T: 0871 472 0400. £18.95, £14.95. 7.30pm.
glee.co.uk SOLD OUT



Sun 3 Oct: **PROJECT MAYHEM COMEDY**

Sham Zaman (BBC Introducing Radio 4 Comedy Award Nominee) brings his electrifying energy to the stage for this special festival edition of Project Mayhem. Joining him are three of the region's funniest acts: Mat Taylor, Hannah Weetman and Richard Dadd.

Boston Tea Party, The School Yard, 106 High St, Harborne, Bham B17 9NJ. T: 0121 820 0099. PWYW. 6.30pm.

facebook.com/shamzamancomedian/

Mon 4 Oct:

JACOB LOVICK: LOVE

LOVE is a time-travelling thriller comedy about love and everything that is terrible about it. With more than 100 characters performed by the maniac clown Jacob, LOVE follows Norman and Margot, two time travellers with nothing to lose except the whole

of history itself.

**The Old Joint Stock Theatre, 4
Temple Row West, Bham B2
5NY. T: 0121 200 0946. £10. 8pm.
www.oldjointstock.co.uk**



Tue 5 Oct:

**SCOTTISH FALSETTO
SOCK PUPPET THEATRE**

Two shows from the Earth's
funniest footwear: **Fingers
Crossed** (7.30pm) features the
best of the Socks have produced
in a year of isolation, inc. the
Eurovision Sock Contest and the
highlights of their 15 sell-out
Zoom shows; **Superheroes** (9pm)
takes on everyone from Batman
to The Avengers, with songs,
sketches, socks and violence
**The Old Joint Stock Theatre, 4
Temple Row West, Bham B2
5NY. T: 0121 200 0946. £12 each,
£20 both. 7.30pm. 9pm.
www.oldjointstock.co.uk**

Wed 6 to Sun 10 Oct:

HOWERD'S END

Frankie Howerd was one of
Britain's most loved comedians.
But he had a secret. And the
secret's name was Dennis.
Howerd's End takes you to the
heart of Frankie and Dennis'
clandestine relationship, which
lasted from the 1950s until
Frankie's death in 1992.

**The Old Joint Stock Theatre, 4
Temple Row West, Bham B2
5NY. T: 0121 200 0946. £15.**

**Weds-Sat 8pm, Sun 3pm.
www.oldjointstock.co.uk**





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Thu 7 Oct:

**CLINTON BAPTISTE
GOES STRATOSPHERIC**

Clairvoyant medium and psychic Clinton Baptiste has gone exploring, stateside. Not quite Caesar's Palace but a series of shows in Vegas have lifted his celebrity status up a notch. Let him take you on a journey from his humble roots via the dazzling heights of Sin City.

Town Hall, Victoria Square, Bham B3

3DQ. T: 0121 780 3333. £24.50. 7.30pm. bmusic.co.uk



Thu 7 Oct:

COMEDY CAROUSEL

Voted Best Comedy Night in the Midlands (What's On) four years running and Best Themed Comedy Night 2020 (Chortle). A fast-paced and spontaneous show, hosted by Andy Robinson
The Glee Club, The Arcadian, Bham B5 4TD. T: 0871 472 0400. £12, £6. 7.30pm. glee.co.uk



Fri 8 Oct: **RACHEL**

FAIRBURN: MANIAC

A brand new show from Rachel. She's no idea what it's about, but a lot has happened, hasn't it? One thing she can promise is dark humour, a bit of filth and probably some misplaced outrage about everything from insomniacs to slasher movies.

The Glee Club, The Arcadian, Bham B5 4TD. T: 0871 472 0400.

£14, £12. 8.15pm. glee.co.uk

Fri 8 Oct:

FRIDAY NIGHT COMEDY

Four more great comics for your amusement and entertainment. The weekend starts here!

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For the latest show details, visit our website. Follow us on social media for the latest updates:
@BhamComFest



Sat 9 Oct: PICK YOUR OWN ESCAPE WITH MARY FLANIGAN

Take control of your destiny with an interactive Choose Your Own Adventure comedy show. Mary will guide you through a weird and wonderful story, via jokes, sock puppets, and very bad accents. She lays out the choices but YOU decide what happens.
Kamikaze Club, 1000 Trades, 16 Frederick St, Bham B1 3HE.
T: 0121 233 2693. PWYW. 7pm.
facebook.com/TheKamikazeClub/



Sat 9 Oct:

JIMEOIN, TURN IT UP

A brilliant evening of world-class comedy from the Irishman internationally celebrated as one of live stand-up's true masters. A hugely loved and much respected comedian, with a wide appeal and a cheeky, no-gimmicks and superbly observed sense of humour that has his audiences in stitches.

**Town Hall, Victoria Square,
Bham B3 3DQ. T: 0121 780 3333.**
£21.50. 7.30pm. bmusic.co.uk

Sat 9 Oct: THE KAMIKAZE CLUB PRESENTS...

Host Thom Hodgkinson hand-picks

his favourite acts from the Midlands, a host of quality performers, all showing off why our local circuit is the best around.

Kamikaze Club, 1000 Trades, 16 Frederick St, Bham. B1 3HE.
T: 0121 233 2693. PWYW. 8pm.
facebook.com/TheKamikazeClub/



Sat 9 Oct: **MARK STEEL:
EVERY LITTLE THING'S
GONNA BE ALRIGHT**

A while ago, it seemed unlikely that the UK would vote to leave the EU; we had a reasonable opposition to the Tories; Trump was a buffoon who surely wasn't going to beat Hillary and Mark was living the married suburban ideal. Since then it's all gone to s***! But don't worry as Mark thinks Every Little Thing's Gonna Be Alright.

The Old Rep Theatre, Station St, Bham, B5 4DY. T: 0121 359 9444.
£16.50. 8pm. oldreptheatre.co.uk

Sat 9 Oct: **SATURDAY
NIGHT COMEDY**

Another crackling line-up featuring four fantastic mirth-makers.

The Glee Club, The Arcadian, Bham B5 4TD. T: 0871 472 0400.
£22.50, £18.50. 7.30pm.
glee.co.uk

Sun 10 Oct: **COBO: COMEDY
OF BLACK ORIGIN**

A Black History Month Special featuring Robbie Gee (The Real McCoy, Motherland), Eddie Nestor (BBC Radio London), COBO fave Kane Brown, Kat Boyce (MTV) and the accomplished Aurie Styla.

The Glee Club, The Arcadian, Bham B5 4TD. B5 4TD. T: 0871 472 0400. £18. 5.45pm.
glee.co.uk



Sun 10 Oct:

BIRMINGHAM COMEDY FESTIVAL FREE HALF-DAYER

All shows are **FREE**/ by donation/ Pay What You Want (PWYW).
No booking required, just rock up and see as many performances as you like!

- CHERRY REDS -

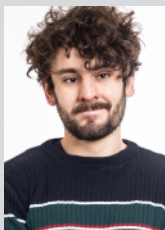


KITTY MESSALINA: IS THIS THING TURNED ON?

Kitty is a comedic triple threat - a queer woman of colour. Her unique perspectives on prejudice, promiscuity and polyamory quickly earned her acclaim. **1pm**

JOSH PUGH: DANGER DANGER HIGH LOLTAGE

Brand new show from award winning local lad Josh. An hour of ideas and stories from the past 12 months of Josh's life. More exciting than you'd expect. **2.20pm**



DANNY CLIVES: BENCHWARMER

Danny's back to tell us about his most recent misfortunes, from the time he cooked scrambled egg in the microwave and it



exploded in his face, to what it was like being in lockdown whilst still living with his mum. **3.40pm**

WAYNE BEESE: RECORD OF UNDER ACHIEVEMENT

When Wayne left school in 1996, as Head Boy, his tutor said 'the world was his oyster. Nearly 25 years on, it's not quite worked out to plan. He's never really got further than Telford. **5pm**



- THE VICTORIA -

TEA WITH THE DEVIL

Eric Rushton has started having regular philosophical chats with the Devil. Or at least he thinks he has.



Maybe he's just losing his grip on reality. A special live edition of the the surreal Satanic podcast co-starring Richard Dadd. **1pm**

MARY FLANIGAN STANDS CELYA AB UP

Mary (Belfast; BBC Sounds' Quick Comedies) and Celya (Paris; Global Pillage, Bham Comedy Festival Breaking



Talent Award winner) are meeting at the exact geographical midpoint, Brum, for an hour of whip smart stand up. **2.20pm**

GOOD KIDS

Brum's favourite wideboys with an hour of fugly comedy nonsense. Strap in to the backseat of their 1993 Ford



Escort RS and prepare to be razzed down the Belgrave Middleway on the joyride of the year. Expect songs, sketches and heavy patter. **3.40pm**

BOARD GAME SMACKDOWN

Hosted by award-winning comedian and UK board game champion James Cook, join our panel of funny folk as they play stupid



games in an attempt to be crowned Board Game Smackdown champion. **5pm**

Cherry Reds, 88-92 John Bright St, Bham B1 1BN

The Victoria, 48 John Bright St, Bham B1 1BN



**Sun 10 Oct: DANE BAPTISTE:
THE CHOCOLATE CHIP**

Dane is now a Grown Ass Black Man. Too old to be concerned with chicken or trainers. Too young to be considered a peer of Trevor McDonald. Has he got a chip on his shoulder? Yes. A chocolate one.

**The Glee Club, The Arcadian,
Bham B5 4TD. T: 0871 472 0400.
£14. 7.45pm. glee.co.uk**

Sun 10 Oct:

CHRIS RAMSEY

Critically acclaimed comedian Chris is hitting the road for his biggest ever stand-up tour yet. You know Chris, he's a Strictly Come Dancing 2019 Semi-Finalist and one half of the Shagged, Married, Annoyed Podcast, with his wife, Rosie.

**Symphony Hall, Broad St, Bham B1
2EA. T: 0121 780 3333. £25. 7.30pm.
bmusic.co.uk**



**Sun 10 Oct: JENNY ECLAIR:
SIXTY! (FFS!)**

Having hit 60 (but still a year younger than Madonna), Jenny confronts a new decade of decrepitude. Now that it takes 20 minutes of scrolling down to find her DOB when she's filling in forms online, should she celebrate or crawl into a hole?

**The Old Rep, Station St, Bham
B5 4DY. T: 0121 359 9444. £21.50.
7.30pm. oldreptheatre.co.uk**





PRE-FESTIVAL
Fri 3 Sep: BIRMINGHAM
COMEDY FESTIVAL
PRESENTS...



GOOD KIDS & FRIENDS

Our second B'ham Comedy Festival/ Mo'Folk team-up, this time featuring Kieran Ahern and Tom Dowling, aka Good Kids. **Moseley Folk and Arts Festival, Moseley Park, Alcester Rd, Moseley, Bham B13 8DD. From £53.50 (adult). moseleyfolk.co.uk**

Tue 5 Oct: **SACHIN KUMARENDRAN: CASUAL BRIT**

Manford's New Act of the Year Finalist and Labour Party comedy writer, Sachin is no stranger to missing out on genuine success by an impressively narrow margin - as he regales.

The Church Inn, 22 Great Hampton St, Bham B18 6AQ.
T: 0121 4483866. £3. 8.15pm.



STOP PRESS: Late Additions

Tue 5 Oct: **BIRMINGHAM FOOTNOTES' ONE NIGHT STAND-UP**

University Of Birmingham students show off their comedy chops



in a comfortable atmosphere, compered by Footnotes' stand-up directors.

The Bristol Pear, 676 Bristol Rd, Selly Oak, Bham B29 6BJ. £5, £4, £3. 7.30pm. NEW VENUE TBA
facebook.com/BFootnotes

Sat 9 Oct: **DAMON CONLAN: JOCULAR PRESTIDIGITATOR**

Mortals! Witness miracles* of the modern age that are in no way understood by science. In Damon's post-apocalyptic sanctuary, observe a new world of mutant showbiz raccoons, cocoa-based gluttony, and spectacular telepathy. (*Miracles subject to change).

The Crescent Theatre, 20 Sheepcote St, Bham B16 8AE.
T: 0121 643 5858. £6. 8pm.
www.damonconlan.co.uk





Mon 27 Sep to Sat 2 Oct:

THE ROCKY HORROR SHOW

Ready to thrill you with fun and naughty moments, Richard O'Brien's legendary rock 'n' roll musical returns. Featuring timeless classics, including Sweet Transvestite, Damn It Janet, and of course, the pelvic-thrusting Time Warp.

The Alexandra, Suffolk Street Queensway, Bham B5 4DS.

T: 0844 871 7615. From £13.

Mon-Thu 7.30pm; Fri & Sat 5.30pm & 8.30pm.

attickets.com/birmingham



*Thu 7 Oct: **LMAO***

With Josh Pugh, Lovell Smith, Natalie Husdan, and headliner Danny Posthill (BGT Finalist). **Hennesseys Bar, 30-31 Allison St, Digbeth, Bham B5 5TJ. £10. 7.30pm. hennesseysdigbeth.co.uk**



Sun 3 Oct:

BARBARA NICE PRESENTS MUSICAL BINGO

Join everyone's favourite housewife and mayhem instigator, Barbara Nice, for the inaugural edition of her musical bingo, complete with innovative prizes and special guests Jo Enright and Good Kids.

Irish Centre, 205 Wheelers Lane, Kings Heath, Bham B13 0ST. T:

0121 622 2314. £12.50. 7.30pm.

www.mrsbarbaranice.com

*Sat 9 Oct: **UPFRONT COMEDY***

John Simmit's Upfront Comedy presents Smash, Toussaint Douglas, Glazz Campbell and Ninia Benjamin. Plus DJs and guests.

Legacy Centre Of Excellence, 144 Potters Lane, Bham B6 4UU.

T: 0845 057 726. 7.45pm. £13.52-

£32.93. legacycoe.co.uk



Dates TBA

**SWITCH RADIO:
OBJECTIVITY**

Presenter James Sandy returns with more very special Birmingham Comedy Festival episodes of his Switch Radio show Objectivity, in which he invites comedians to select their favourite objects.

S2/Ep1: **Barbara Nice**

S2/Ep2: **Lindsey Santoro**

S2/Ep3: **Objectivity Live** at The Prince Of Wales pub, Moseley, Birmingham

Broadcast dates to be announced.

Listen in via:

switchradio.co.uk/objectivity



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*The Horse Of
The Invisible*

WH Hodgson's
tale of terror.

Read by
Richard Usher.

**Friday 29 October 2021
Stourbridge Town Hall,
Wollaston Studio,
Stourbridge DY8 1YE**

7.15pm. Tickets £10.

Box Office: 01384 812812

Tickets/ information:
boroughhalls.co.uk



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All listings correct at time of publication. Subject to change, See festival website for more information. Tickets available from individual venues. For Pay What You Want (PWYW) performances, please donate to the acts as you leave, they've worked hard. Next festival: Friday 7 to Sunday 16 October 2022.

WE ARE 20!

Believe it or not, this year marks our 20th anniversary!

We reckon that makes us the second longest running comedy festival in the UK, and one of the longest running independent multi-arts festivals in the region!

Our very first comedy festival was back in May 2001, and featured **Sean Lock, Frankie Boyle, Kathy Burke, Sandi Toksvig, Jon Ronson, Reg D Hunter, Natalie Haynes, and Peter Kay** (who popped along to see **Mrs Barbara Nice**), as well as the very best comedians from the city and surrounding area.

Since then, we've welcomed some of the biggest names in

See the festival website for the latest news, details of extra shows, online and podcast specials, and more.

Twitter, Facebook,
Instagram:
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comedy, produced sold-out touring shows, won five **Best Festival** awards, crowned six **Breaking Talent Award** winners, and never stopped celebrating all things comedic.

Thanks to all countless acts, venues, promoters, supporters and individuals who've contributed to making the festival such a success over the last two decades - as well as the audiences. It's your enthusiasm that keeps us going. Here's to the next 20!



B:Music

Symphony Hall and **Town Hall** re-open for audiences



Jason Byrne: Audience Precipitation

Sat 2 October
8pm
Town Hall

Clinton Baptiste goes Stratospheric

Thu 7 October
7:30pm
Town Hall



Book online: **bmusic.co.uk**